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Applicants: : Richard W. Friesen et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS TO ACCOMPANY  
THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of March 9, 2004, please amend the  
identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.